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SUBJECT: LEBANESE RESPONSE TO U.S. CANDIDATE FOR ITU RADIO

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On April 26, econoff delivered reftel diplomatic note concerning the candidacy of Julie Napier for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations Board to Ghady El-Khoury, Head of the Americas Desk, at the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. El-Khoury did not know at this time if Lebanon would support the U.S. candidate. He said if the Arab League supported a candidate, Lebanon would likely support that candidate. El-Khoury said the decision would likely be made at the Ministerial level. He promised to raise Napier's candidacy with Foreign Minister Fawzi Salloukh as soon as possible.